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Letter dated 15 November 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for 11-14 November (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for these bulletins to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (11 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of six populated areas in Hama (4) and Ladhiqiyah (2) governorates.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 924.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Shaykh in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 47 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate (21), Aleppo governorate (22), Qunaytirah governorate (2), Ladhiqiyah governorate (1) and Hama governorate (1).

Armed groups that had announced a cessation of hostilities used multiple-launch rocket systems, mortars, anti-aircraft guns and small arms to fire on Azizi in Aleppo governorate; the Mashariqah and Salah al-Din neighbourhoods in Aleppo city; Jawbar, Harasta, Duma and the area at elevation point 612 in Damascus governorate; the Muhajirin district in Damascus city; and Qardahah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Armed units of terrorist groups using multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, tanks, mortars and small arms fired on Bakrtayah and Shurfa in Aleppo governorate and also on the Minyan, Arian, Shaykh Maqsud, Layramun, 3000, 1070 and Sulayman al-Halabi neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre, the Hikmah School, the Assad Military Academy and the area near the paperboard factory in Aleppo city.

Jawbar, Hawsh Nasri, Irbin, Qabun, Harasta, Duma and the Wafidin camp were shelled in Damascus governorate.

Terrorist also shelled Durin and Harfa in Qunaytirah governorate; and Suran in Hama governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours two humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

Approximately 2 tons to Dimas in Damascus governorate;

Approximately 1 ton to the Ashrafiyah district in Aleppo city.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (12 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of five populated areas in Hama (3) and Ladhiqiyah (2) governorates.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 929.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Sham in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 35 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (17), Damascus governorate (15), Ladhiqiyah governorate (1), and Hama governorate (1).

Armed groups that had announced a cessation of hostilities used improvised multiple-launch rocket systems, mortars and small arms to fire on the Buwaydah and Salah al-Din neighbourhoods of Aleppo city; Duma, Jawbar and the area at elevation point 612 in Damascus governorate; and Abu Ali mountain in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Armed units of terrorist groups using improvised multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars and small arms fired on Ansari in Aleppo governorate and also on the Layramun, Dahiyat al-Assad (twice), Minyan (three times) and 1070 neighbourhoods, the Himkah School (twice), the Syriatel cellular station, the Assad Military Academy and the Aleppo citadel, and areas near the paperboard factory and the Castello trade centre in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Jawbar (four times), Irbin (four times), Hawsh Nasri (twice) and Qabun.

In Hama governorate, terrorists shelled Jarjisah and the thermal electric power station in Muhradah.

In Dar'a governorate, Uthman was shelled.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours one humanitarian operation was carried out at the national hospital in Muhradah, during which approximately 200 kg of humanitarian cargo was delivered.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (13 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of four populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate (3) and Suwayda' governorate (1).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 933.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Sham in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 42 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate (17), Aleppo governorate (17), Ladhiqiyah governorate (5), Hama governorate (2) and Dar'a governorate (1).

The armed group Jaysh al-Islam, which had announced a cessation of hostilities, used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Bilaliyah, Mazra'at Mahmud, the highway near Duma and government troop positions near the area at elevation point 612 in Damascus governorate.

The armed group Ahrar al-Sham also used mortars to shell Azizi in Aleppo governorate.

The armed group Ahrar al-Sham also used mortars, anti-aircraft guns and improvised multiple rocket launchers to fire on Kinnsibba and Rasha in Ladhiqiyah governorate. This armed group used a drone with an explosive device in A'in al-Qantarah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Armed units of terrorist groups using multiple-launch rocket systems, mortars and small arms fired on Irbin, Hawsh Nasri and Hawsh Harabu in Damascus governorate; the Ibn al-Walid Hospital and Qusayr farm near Duma; and a power plant and sports ground in Jawbar.

In Aleppo governorate Ansari was shelled and also the Minyan, Dahiyat al-Assad, 1070, Layramun, Maydan, Ashrafiyah and Mashariqah neighbourhoods, the Assad Military Academy, the Castello trade centre, the Hikmah School, the paperboard factory and the Syriatel cellular station in Aleppo city.

Terrorists also shelled Mu'ardis and Suran (Hama governorate), Barza Tahtani (Ladhiqiyah governorate) and Uthman (Dar'a governorate).

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Two humanitarian operations were carried out in Aleppo city (the Tishrin kindergarten and the refugee camp in Muhafazah), during which approximately 4 tons of humanitarian cargoes — food and urgent necessities — were delivered to civilians.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (14 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of two populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 935.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Sham in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 39 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (18), Damascus governorate (17), Ladhiqiyah governorate (2), Hama governorate (1) and Dar'a governorate (1).

Armed groups that had previously announced a cessation of hostilities carried out 11 attacks using improvised multiple-launch rocket systems, mortars and small arms.

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group shelled Bilaliyah, Mazra'at Mahmud, Jawbar (twice) and Bludan, and also the highway near Duma and the area at elevation point 612.

Armed units of the Free Syrian Army twice fired on the Tabl fortress in Ladhiqiyah governorate and also fired on the Salah al-Din and al Salihin neighbourhoods in Aleppo city.

In Aleppo governorate, armed units of terrorist groups using improvised multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars and small arms fired on the neighbourhoods of 1070 (twice), Sulayman al-Halabi, Minyan, Dahiyat al-Assad, Ashrafiyah and Layramun and also on the Hikmah School (twice), the Assad Military Academy (twice), the Castello trade centre and the area near the paperboard factory in Aleppo city, and on Ansari (twice) and Nayrab.

In Damascus governorate terrorists shelled Irbin (three times), Jawbar (twice), Hawsh Nasri (twice), the Wafidin camp and the Ibn al-Walid Hospital (twice).

In Dar'a governorate, terrorists shelled Uthman.

A strike was carried out on Suran in Hama governorate using an unmanned aerial vehicle with an explosive device on board.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours two humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

Approximately 700 kg to the New Aleppo district (Al-Rahma mosque) in Aleppo city;

Approximately 200 kg to the district national hospital in Hama city.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

On 13 November, terrorists used a chemical weapon against Syrian government troops positioned near Karmal-Jazmati in eastern Aleppo.

As a result, some 30 soldiers from the 415th battalion of the 115th division of the Republican Guard were poisoned to varying degrees of severity. Most of them were promptly evacuated to a hospital in Aleppo.

According to the Syrian troops, their poisoning with gas was preceded by the explosion of a mine or gas cylinder which had been launched from an improvised "hellfire" rocket system.

On-site samples taken by officers from the Radiation, Chemical and Biological Defence Troops of the Russian Armed Forces confirm the use of chlorine by insurgents as a chemical agent.